GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF NON BASMATI RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether huge quantity of non-basmati rice meant for rural poor particularly under Sampoorna Grameena Abhivridhi Yojana was siphoned off from the Food Corporation of India godowns at Raichur, Gangavathi, Bellary and illegally exported through middlemen ;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the action taken to prevent its recurrence; and

(c) The steps taken against the persons held responsible therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a),(b)&(c): No, Sir. The Food Corporation of India (FCI) is having its depot at Raichur and Bellary and not at Gangavathi. The Depot at Gangavati belongs to State Warehousing Corporation (SWC) under the control of State Government of Karnataka.

The investigations undertaken by FCI reveal that there is no involvement of staff/officers of FCI in diversion of rice ex-Karnataka for the alleged illegal exports.

The FCI is releasing foodgrains (wheat and rice) to the State Governments or their nominees as per allocations made by the Government and the responsibility of its distribution to the end consumers rests with the respective State/UTs Governments.